

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 16 May

- Item 1 Approval of Minutes and Associated Paper  
 Drafts have been circulated by the Exec Sec for USIB approval;  
 Sponsor - [ ]
- Item 2 Watch Report  
 Draft by Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval;  
 Sponsor - [ ]
- Item 3 Revised Version of Priority National Intelligence Objectives (PNIOs) - DCID No. 1/3  
 BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;  
 Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

Following an extensive discussion by the USIB on 18 April, the CIA version of this paper was referred, at [ ] request, to BNE and the USIB Representatives for review and possible revision in time for USIB consideration by 16 May. This review has been accomplished, and the text now proposed has been concurred in by each agency's representative. The two major points with which [ ] was most concerned have been added to this paper. They are paragraph 1.b. regarding Communist general purpose forces and paragraph 5 concerning Communist research and development leading to new or significantly improved weapons systems. The representative of State suggested the possibility that [ ] may offer the opinion that this version of the PNIOs places too much stress on military developments, but he does not believe State will dissent on this matter.

- Item 4 Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-6-67, "Soviet Strategy and Intentions in the Mediterranean Basin", and SNIE 11-9-68, "Soviet Interests and Activities in Arab States"  
 BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;  
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A clean-up session on this paper was held today (Tuesday) primarily to discuss Navy's reservation to the last sentence of paragraph 7, page 6, regarding the future Soviet threat to Polaris submarines in the Mediterranean. We have been advised that Navy has withdrawn its reservation. A revised draft will be circulated early tomorrow. BNE is not aware of any further significant substantive problems with this paper at this time.

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Item 5     SNIE on Likelihood of Major Hostilities in Korea  
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;  
Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

At last weeks' meeting the Board agreed that this SNIE should be prepared in time for USIB consideration either this week or next week at the latest. BNE and the USIB Representatives are meeting today (Tuesday) in an effort to reach agreement on a draft in time for Board consideration this week.

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Executive Secretary, USIB

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